



The 2nd Sunday of Lent

The OT Reading - *Genesis 12.1-4a*

¹The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Epistle - *Romans 4.1-5, 13-17*

¹What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Gospel - *John 3.1-17*

¹There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as



Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Today's Psalm (Evensong) - 135:1-14

O praise the Lord, laud ye the / Name of the / Lord : praise it
O ye / servants / of the / Lord;
Ye that stand in the / house of the / Lord : in the / courts of
the / house of our / God.
O praise the Lord for the / Lord is / gracious : O sing praises
unto his / Name for / it is / lovely.
For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob / unto him/self : and
Israel / for his / own pos/session.
For I know that the / Lord is / great : and that our Lord / is a/
bove all / gods.
Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven / and in /
earth : and in the sea / and in / all deep / places.
He bringeth forth the clouds from the / ends of the / world :
and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the /
winds / out of his / treasures.
He smote the / first-born of / Egypt : both of / man / and /
beast.
He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O
thou / land of / Egypt : upon / Pharaoh and / all his / servants.
He smote / divers / nations : and / slew / mighty / kings;
Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the / king of / Basan :
and / all the / kingdoms of / Canaan;
And gave their land to / be an / heritage : even an heritage /
unto / Israel his / people.
Thy Name O Lord en/dureth for / ever : so doth thy memorial
O Lord, from one gene/ration / to an/other.
For the Lord will a/venge his / people : and be / gracious /
unto his / servants.

This Week @ St. Wilfrid's

The March magazine is out today at a cost of 50p.

We are now taking bookings for our Parish Lunch on the 17th March, 12.30 p.m. at The Beacon, cost £7.

Throughout Lent there will be a service of Morning Prayer at The Beacon each weekday morning at 9.00 a.m. and a service of Compline each Wednesday evening at 7.00 p.m.

Advance notice of our Church Spring Clean on Saturday 21st March from 10.00 a.m.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Len Mason, Alison Barton, Alan Simcock, Peter Gleave, Mary Shaw, Audrey Chadderton, Pamela Britland and Patricia 'Paddy' Swan.

Year's Mind (2015+)	Jean Trueman	Christopher Joel	Pam Chadwick
	Paul Underhill	Morris Sarson	Betty Blease
	Jill Acton	John Moxon	David Evans

This Week's Calendar: Week beginning the 1st March

Sun.	<u>The 2nd Sunday of Lent</u>		
	8.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion	Church
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	6.30 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Church
Mon.	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	The Beacon
	10.00 a.m.	Parents & Tots	The Beacon
	7.45 p.m.	Events Group	The Beacon
Tue.	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	The Beacon
Wed.	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	The Beacon
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion with +Mark	The Beacon
	10.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning	The Beacon
	2.00 p.m.	Knit and Natter	The Beacon
	7.00 p.m.	Compline	Church
Thu.	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	The Beacon
	7.45 p.m.	Doorway	The Beacon
Fri.	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	The Beacon
	6.00 p.m.	Youth Club	The Beacon
Sat.	10.00 a.m.	Drop-In	The Beacon
Sun.	<u>The 3rd Sunday of Lent</u>		
	8.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion	Church
	10.00 a.m.	Family Service	Church
	6.30 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Church



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Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5,13-17 John 3:1-17	Psalms 135:1-14 Numbers 21:4-9 Luke 14:27-33

Next Sunday's Readings - The 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	Psalms 40 Joshua 1:1-9 Ephesians 6:10-20

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